



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Change Order for Two Mid-Size Paratransit Buses for Dial-A-Ride

MEETING DATE: May 19, 1993

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve a change order request for upgraded dual air conditioning units for two mid-size paratransit buses for Dial-A-Ride at a total cost of \$2,800.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City is in the process of ordering two mid-size paratransit buses as approved by City Council at the April 21, 1993 Council Meeting. Staff, in working with the vendor, California Bus Sales, has come to the conclusion that the air conditioning system, as proposed in the bid, should be upgraded to a dual-compressor air conditioning unit. The upgraded system will better accommodate the anticipated loss of cool air due to the rear door opening and closing for wheelchair access. This will provide the passengers with a much more comfortable ride in the hot summer months, and will be less of a strain on the vehicle.

The cost to the City, should the order be placed prior to the manufacturing of the vehicles, will be \$1,400 per unit. If the City determines, after the vehicles have been built according to the current specifications, that the passengers would be better served with the upgraded air conditioning unit, the cost would then be approximately \$2,045 per unit. The City would realize a total savings of \$1,290 on the two busses by ordering the air conditioning units prior to manufacture.

Included with the price of the upgraded air conditioning is a rear center brake light which would be activated every time the driver stepped on the brake. Staff views the rear center light as a safety issue; one which could potentially prevent rear-end accidents. This feature does not come as stock, however, the vendor is willing to include the light with the upgraded air conditioning unit.

APPROVED: _____

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The \$2,800 expense will be paid with Transportation Development funds (TDA) which are available for this project.

FUNDING: Transportation Development (TDA) funds.


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